

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 3, 7-9, 11-22, 24 and 72-74 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 4-6, 10, 23, 27 and 32-68 were previously canceled. No new matter has been added and entry is respectfully requested. After entry of the above amendments, Claims 25, 26, 28-31 and 69-71 are pending.

First, Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 25, 26, 28-31 and 69-71 have been allowed (page 5 of the Official Action).

In order to advance prosecution, the remaining pending claims (i.e., Claims 1, 3, 7-9, 11-22, 24 and 72-74) have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, only the allowed claims remain pending.

**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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